

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Evidence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and Amnesty International

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-10/eo10-1202.htm#Col1852>

Westminster Debate

English Language Schools

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100624/debtext/100624-0021.htm#10062478000002>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Benefits: Non-British Citizens

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps a European Union citizen working in the United Kingdom must take in applying for contribution-based benefits.[HL373]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions (Lord Freud): EU nationals take the same steps to claim contribution-based benefits as UK nationals. They have to, for example, make a claim and provide evidence in support of their claim and attend work focused interviews as required. Jobcentre Plus has introduced a range of ways for people to make a claim to benefits. The majority of people use the telephony or on-line channels to make a claim; however, face-to-face interviews and clerical claim forms are also available.

If an EU migrant worker's UK national insurance record is not sufficient to meet the contribution conditions for benefit, the UK will use their social insurance payments in another EU country to help. This is why we ask benefit claimants about whether they have worked elsewhere in Europe.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100622w0001.htm#10062249000250>

Migrant Workers: Volunteering

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government how migrant domestic workers will be able to undertake volunteering or study to pass the Life in the UK Test in the light of their possible working conditions.[HL65]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): Before an employer is able to employ an overseas domestic worker, they are required to provide a statement of the terms and conditions of employment. As part of this statement they are required to confirm the level of annual leave and free time which the domestic worker will be entitled to. All those under this route should therefore have sufficient time in order to prepare and undertake the Life in the UK test.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100608w0002.htm#10060835000168>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Joan Ruddock: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for student visas were (a) granted and (b) refused in 2009; and how many such applications from each country of origin have been (i) granted and (ii) refused in 2010 to date. [3696]

Reply from Damian Green: The total number of student visas⁽¹⁾ issued and refused in 2009 was 303,635 and 104,536, respectively. The number of student visas issued and refused in the first Quarter of 2010 by nationality of the applicant is shown in the following table:

To read the lengthy table showing the number of student visas issued and refused in the first Quarter of 2010 by nationality of the applicant see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100623/text/100623w0003.htm#10062359000017>

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Immigration: Appeals

Richard Harrington: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of (a) first and (b) second tier immigration appeals were allowed in each year since 2005. [3272]

Reply from Damian Green: The following figures provide the proportions of immigration appeals both including and excluding asylum.

Between April 2005 and February 2010, the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) operated a single tier system; a First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) and Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) did not exist, so it has been assumed that:

'first tier' refers to appeals determined by immigration adjudicators/judges; and

'second tier' refers to appeals to the Tribunal/Reconsideration Hearings.

(a) The proportions of immigration appeals determined by immigration adjudicators/judges for 2005 to 2008 that were allowed are as follows:

<i>Number of appellants</i>			
	<i>Total appeals determined by immigration adjudicators/judges</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Allowed as percentage of determined</i>
<i>Excluding asylum appeals</i>			
2005	66,805	24,795	37
2006	151,355	51,320	34
2007	139,880	44,985	32
2008 ⁽¹⁾	157,115	54,265	35
<i>Including asylum appeals</i>			
2005	100,250	30,400	30
2006	167,310	54,860	33
2007	154,825	48,370	31
2008 ⁽¹⁾	167,835	56,740	34
⁽¹⁾ Provisional figures.			
<i>Note:</i>			
Data rounded to the nearest 5.			
<i>Source:</i> Data for January to March 2005: Home Office Presenting Officers; April 2005 to December 2008: Tribunal Service, Draft AIT Business Plan April 2009			

This data is available on page 88 of the "Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2008" available from: <http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

Data for 2009 is due to be published on 26 August 2010.

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(b) The proportion of appeals to the Tribunal/Reconsideration Hearings for 2005 to 2008 that were allowed are as follows:

<i>Number of appellants (except January to March 2005, number of persons bringing the onward appeal)</i>			
	<i>Total appeals to the tribunal/reconsideration hearings determined</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Allowed as percentage of determined</i>
<i>Excluding asylum appeals</i>			
2005	1,935	600	31
2006	2,915	1,095	38
2007	6,510	2,880	44
2008 ⁽¹⁾	6,140	2,995	49
<i>Including asylum appeals</i>			
2005	9,685	2,050	21
2006	7,320	2,380	33
2007	10,305	4,330	42
2008 ⁽¹⁾	8,805	4,075	46
⁽¹⁾ Provisional figures.			
<i>Note:</i>			
Data rounded to the nearest 5.			
<i>Source:</i> Data for January 2005 to September 2006: Business Plan March 2008; April 2005 to December 2008: Tribunal Service, Draft AIT Business Plan April 2009			

This data has not previously been published. The data has been taken from the Draft AIT Business Plan April 2009 to be consistent with the data provided for part (a).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100623/text/100623w004.htm#10062359000019>

Asylum Seekers: Legal Aid

The Earl of Sandwich: To ask Her Majesty's Government what proposals they have regarding the provision of legal aid and representation for asylum seekers, and their effect on decisions on asylum applications.[HL335]

To ask Her Majesty's Government how they will respond to any financial difficulties experienced by smaller law firms from the Legal Services Commission's decision to refund legal aid after a decision has been reached.[HL337]

Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord McNally): I understand that the noble Lord's two Questions relate to the arrangements for legal aid that may flow from the early legal advice pilot scheme in Solihull.

There are currently no proposals to change the provision of legal aid and representation for asylum seekers. Legal aid is available for eligible individuals to obtain initial advice and representation at appeal in cases with merit. We are currently considering with the United Kingdom Border Agency the implications of the pilot and whether to extend it further.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100621w0001.htm#10062110000290>

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Asylum Seekers: Legal Advice

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government why only 16 per cent of new asylum applications will get early access to legal advice from October; and whether they have considered applying the results of the Solihull pilot project more widely.[HL66]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):

Legal help is currently available to all eligible asylum seekers from the outset of their claim. UKBA and LSC are working with key asylum partners and plan to test the 2007 Solihull pilot principles of an enhanced legal service across an entire UKBA region. The process aims to improve the quality of initial asylum decision-making by front-loading the system and achieving cultural change in the asylum determination process on the part of the decision maker and adviser.

This will allow Government and their delivery partners robustly to test the benefits of the process and assess the viability of a national rollout.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100608w0001.htm#10060835000153>

Asylum: Families

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many applications for family reunion were made by dependants of refugees and people granted humanitarian protection in the UK under Part 11 of the immigration rules in each of the last five years; and how many of those applications were (a) granted, (b) refused and (c) granted on appeal in each such year. [3517]

Reply from Damian Green: The number of entry clearance applications in the family reunion category, from dependants of those granted refugee status or humanitarian protection, which were (a) received (b) approved (c) refused and (d) approved following a successful appeal, is shown in the following table:

	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Refused</i>	<i>Issued after appeal</i>
2005	7,846	7,740	1,052	7
2006	6,092	5,283	877	25
2007	5,247	4,497	1,084	35
2008	5,577	3,632	1,364	44
2009	5,983	4,212	2,306	56

Source: Central Reference System Date: 17 June 2010
Management Information, as such it has not been quality assured.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether dependants of refugees and people granted humanitarian protection in the UK applying for family reunion under Part 11 of the immigration rules will be subject to the new English language requirement announced on 9 June 2010. [3518]

Reply from Damian Green: On 9 June 2010, my right hon. Friend the Home Secretary announced a new language requirement for those seeking entry to the UK as either a spouse or civil partner, fiancé or proposed civil partner, unmarried partner or same sex partner of a British citizen or someone who is present and settled in the UK. The new language requirement will not apply to dependants of refugees and people granted humanitarian protection in the UK applying for family reunion under Part 11 of the immigration rules.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether dependants of refugees and people granted humanitarian protection in the UK applying for family reunion under Part 11 of the immigration rules will be included in the Government's proposal to introduce an annual limit on the numbers of non-EU migrants. [3519]

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Reply from Damian Green: The annual limit will apply only to non-EU economic migrants admitted into the UK to live and work. There are no plans to apply the limit to dependants of refugees and people granted humanitarian protection in the UK applying for family reunion under Part 11 of the immigration rules.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100622/text/100622w0008.htm#10062269000008>

Immigration: Detention Centres

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will continue or discontinue plans for additional immigration detention centres.[HL61]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): The UK Border Agency has secured planning permission for new centres at Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) and Bedford. The agency will also seek planning agreement to expand its existing centre at Lindholme, near Doncaster and to build a residential short-term holding facility in Northern Ireland. The agency will be better placed to take decisions on whether or not it will pursue any of these options after the Government's spending review has been completed.

The agency is also in discussions with the Prison Service concerning the feasibility to re-designate HMP Morton Hall as an immigration removal centre.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100622w0002.htm#10062249000267>

Immigration: Detention

Lord Tebbit: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answers by Baroness Neville-Jones on 2 June (Official Report, cols. 252-3), how many persons seeking admission to the United Kingdom and residing in holding centres are not free to leave the United Kingdom.[HL341]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): All individuals held in immigration removal centres and port holding rooms are free to leave the United Kingdom at any time. Arrangements for their return will be made by the UK Border Agency, or alternatively the International Organization for Migration if the individual undertakes an assisted voluntary return.

The practicalities of arranging international travel necessarily mean that return may not be immediate. For example, where the individual does not possess a valid travel document the speed of return would be greatly influenced by their compliance with the re-documentation process, and in some cases it is necessary to arrange escorts for medical or public protection reasons.

Lord Dubs: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many families have been accommodated in the Glasgow and Ashford pilot asylum centres; and, of those, how many were removed from the United Kingdom.[HL353]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the cost of the Glasgow and Ashford pilot asylum centres.[HL354]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what evaluation has been carried out of the Ashford and Glasgow pilot asylum centres.[HL355]

Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones: The pilot in Ashford, Kent was run for 12 months from November 2007 to October 2008 and was aimed at refused asylum seekers with children. The pilot explored alternative ways to return families to their country of origin without the need for detention or enforced removal. Using the lessons learned from this a new pilot was started in Glasgow in June 2009. It encourages refused asylum seeker families to return voluntarily by providing intensive support focused on helping families to make sense of their stay in Scotland, confronting issues delaying a return and building up skills to prepare for a voluntary return.

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To date 32 families have been referred to the Glasgow pilot leading to 11 being accommodated. No families have elected to return voluntarily to their home countries and enforced departure has taken place for three families initially accepted into the project, but not engaging with it. During the period when the Ashford pilot was operating and reviewed, a total of 12 families were accommodated with one being removed.

Glasgow pilot in 2009. The first financial year for the project was 2009-10 and the annual running costs were met through the existing dispersal contract that UK Border Agency has with Glasgow City Council. The project is due to run until 2012 and no funding other than that has been allocated for the next three financial years.

The 12 month pilot in Ashford, Kent cost just over £1 million. The pilot explored alternative ways of returning families to their country of origin without the need for detention or enforced removal.

The Glasgow pilot is continually monitored to assess how effective it is and whether any changes or improvements could or should be made. It is currently being independently evaluated by Organisational Development Consulting and Support (ODS) and Barnardo's, which are specifically evaluating the impact of the project on children. The pilot in Ashford was formally evaluated and the lessons learned were used to inform the pilot in Glasgow.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100622w0002.htm#10062249000266>

Detention Centres: Children

Mark Spencer: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of children detained for immigration purposes in (a) 1997 and (b) the latest year for which figures are available. [3108]

Reply from Damian Green [holding answer 21 June 2010]: The requested information is not available. The published statistics on persons detained as at specific dates in 1997 related to asylum applicants only and did not separately identify children.

The latest published statistics show there were 30 people detained solely under Immigration Act powers recorded as being less than 18 years of age as at 31 March 2010. In 2009, 1,065 children entered detention solely under Immigration Act powers; this information was published for the first time in 2009.

This information relating to 2010 is available in tables 3.5 to 3.8 of the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, January to March 2010 and the information relating to 2009 is available in table 9.2 of the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, October to December 2009 available in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

I recently announced a review into the detention of children for asylum purposes so it can be brought to an end this summer. We have already ended the overnight detention of children at Dungavel.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100622/text/100622w009.htm#10062269000021>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **New publications**

Migrant Capital: a perspective on contemporary migration in London

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/publications/MRN_Migrant_Capital_June_2010.pdf

News

Tories 'back down' over immigrants' English test

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1289844/Tories-immigrants-English-test.html>

Number of immigrant workers to be capped

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article2575493.ece>

Cap on non-EU migrant workers splits Government

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cap-on-noneu-migrant-workers-splits-government-2011739.html>

Businesses to help set Government's immigration cap

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/politics/conservative/7853091/Businesses-to-help-set-Governments-immigration-cap.html>

Immigration cap to be put on skilled workers from outside EU

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/jun/25/conservatives-against-dropping-immigration-cap>

Our guest the asylum seeker

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/jun/25/giving-asylum-seekers-a-bed>

These few who reached our shores for help face bureaucratic oblivion

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/21/scandal-britain-turn-back-refugees-create>

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Race Relations

News

Asian Christians 'feel neglected by Church'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8755761.stm>

English Defence League and Muslim groups threaten summer of discontent

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/22/english-defence-league-muslim-clashes>

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Equality

Publication

The **Scottish Government Race Equality Statement** sets out the Government's priorities for race equality work to 2011, and was developed through an extensive consultation process with minority ethnic communities in Scotland.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/1137/0075231.doc>

News

Home Secretary goes into battle with Trevor Phillips

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-secretary-goes-into-battle-with-trevor-phillips-2010054.html>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Holyrood Parliamentary Motions

S3M-6659 Anne McLaughlin: Bigotry still Blighting Scottish Society—That the Parliament condemns the sectarian vandalism suffered by the Sacred Heart of Jesus church in Bridgeton in Glasgow; considers that such incidents are still an all too frequent occurrence in 21st century Scotland; notes that this incident occurred just shortly after the church hosted a mass to celebrate its centenary, having opened on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1910; recognises the contribution that Scotland's Catholic community makes to Scottish society and regrets any sectarian abuse that it suffers; notes the large amount of effort that the parishioners and the parish priest put into redecorating the church in time for the centenary celebrations; regrets that the vandalism has now tarnished this impressive community effort; hopes that the perpetrators are identified in the near future, and wishes the church well with the rest of its centenary year.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19396>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Anti-Semitism

Mr Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will take account of the published anti-Semitic views of any individuals seeking to enter the UK when deciding whether to grant entry to such individuals; what representations she has received on that matter since her appointment; and if she will make a statement. [2912]

Damian Green: We take seriously any form of incitement to religious or racial hatred as this threatens social cohesion and could provoke inter-community violence or tension. We will seek to prevent propagators of hate crime from entering the country.

John Mann: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of her Department's seminar on race hate, anti-Semitism and the internet. [3009]

James Brokenshire: While an assessment of the ministerial seminar has not been undertaken, we will analyse previous efforts at tackling hate crime on the internet in considering future policy in this area.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100621/text/100621w0019.htm#10062133000005>

Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Higher Education: Anti-Semitism

David Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (1) what meetings have been held of the higher education sub-group of the cross-government working group on anti-Semitism since his appointment; which officials at each civil service grade attended each meeting; what matters were discussed at each meeting; what further meetings are planned; and if he will make a statement; [2933]

(2) what steps he plans to take to deal with anti-Semitism (a) on university campuses and (b) in student unions; what recent discussions he has had on the issue with representatives of the Jewish community; and if he will make a statement. [2985]

Reply from David Willetts: There have been no meetings of the BIS Anti-Semitism and HE Group since my appointment. I have had no meetings so far to discuss anti-Semitism in higher education with representatives of the Jewish community. However, I am due to meet with representatives of the Jewish community and the HE sector to discuss this issue and the work of the BIS Anti-Semitism and HE Group.

There is no place for racism of any form, including anti-Semitism, in higher education, whether on campus or in student unions. Universities have access to a strong legislative framework and guidance to help them deal effectively with instances of intolerance, racism and harassment in their institutions. Government would expect them to vigorously tackle these issues when they arise and have supported institutions with key guidance on promoting good campus relations in the sector.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100624/text/100624w0007.htm#10062484000025>

New publication

Racial violence – the buried issue

http://www.irr.org.uk/pdf2/IRR_Briefing_No.6.pdf

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motions

S3M-6640 Hugh O'Donnell: International Status for Scottish Human Rights Commission—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC) on its recent accreditation with grade A status by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; welcomes the fact that this accreditation allows the SHRC to report directly to the United Nations on human rights issues such as the rights of older people, health, business, climate change and human rights; further notes that the SHRC will also make contributions to the Human Rights Council and will work with other independent commissions from around the world; notes that this accreditation marks Scotland as one of only 67 countries recognised as having a national human rights institution that complies fully with the UN Paris Principles, and commends the work of the SHRC in keeping Scotland to the forefront of human rights in the world community.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19370>

Other Holyrood Parliamentary Motions (continued)

S3M-6657 Anne McLaughlin: Preventing Domestic Abuse in Scotland's Muslim Communities—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Islamic scholar Shayk Amer Jamil is to launch a nationwide campaign targeting domestic abuse in the Muslim community; recognises the importance of tackling domestic abuse in every community in Scotland; welcomes the role that Scotland's imams can play in reducing domestic abuse by highlighting their faith's stance against such abuse; hopes that the campaign improves reporting rates of domestic abuse; recognises that domestic abuse unfortunately blights all of Scotland's communities, and congratulates Shayk Amer Jamil on the leadership that he is showing in his community on this issue.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19394>

Press Release

Review of vetting and barring scheme covering England, Wales and Northern Ireland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation/News>

New publication

Annual Report 2009-2010

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/corporate/anrep-accts/spar/ar-10/SPAnnualReport10English.pdf>

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Other Westminster

Early Day Motion

Virendra Sharma (309) Impact on Sikhs of EU regulation on screening of passengers at airports - That this House notes that European Commission Regulation No. 185/2010 came into effect on 29 April 2010 and that it requires hand searches and discourages the use of hand-held metal detectors if walk-through metal detectors suggest a passenger may be carrying a prohibited article; further notes with concern that this presents a major difficulty for turban-wearing Sikhs, as walk-through metal detectors will almost always go off due to pins in the turban; further notes that the Regulation is being interpreted as requiring hand searches of the Sikh turban, which is regarded as being insensitive towards Sikhs and which will become an issue of considerable concern within the Sikh community from 1 July 2010 when the new policy is implemented at Heathrow Airport; recognises that the Regulation allows for the appropriate authority to create categories of passengers that, for objective reasons, shall be subject to special screening procedures or may be exempted from screening; urges the Secretary of State for Transport to consider making those wearing Sikh turbans exempt from hand searches and subject only to walk-through metal detectors and hand-held metal detectors; further notes that practising Sikh passengers have the right to wear a small Kirpan with a blade of up to six centimetres as specified by the new Regulation; and, as the Regulation applies across Europe, requests that the Department for Transport obtains letters from the governments of other EU countries to ensure that British Sikhs have the same rights when flying elsewhere in Europe as they do in the UK under this Regulation.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41243&SESSION=905>

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New Publication

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/content/resources/documents/Annualreport20092010.pdf>

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Other News

Is it too much to ask for a prayer before dying in hospital?

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article2574936.ece>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

Holyrood

Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/46-ComVic/index.htm>

End of Life Assistance Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Palliative Care Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/index.htm>

Bills in Progress Westminster

House of Lords Reform Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/houseoflordsreformhl.html>

**** Identity Documents Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/001/amend/pbc0012406a.1.html>

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Consultations (closing date)

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Draft National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (17 September 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/313390/0099355.pdf>

Consultations (continued)

Review into ending the detention of children for immigration purposes

(1 July 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/26-end-child-detention/terms-of-reference.pdf?view=Binary>

Identity Documents Bill (Committee consideration to be completed by 8 July)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2010/06/identity-documents-bill-committee-issues-call-for-evidence/>

Equality Act: obtaining information in potential discrimination and equality of term cases (closes 13 July 2010)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/new_streamlined_procedure_for.aspx

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Show Racism the Red Card Intercultural Summer Camp

5-10 July 2010 in Co Donegal, Ireland

Summer camp for young people between the ages of 11 and 16 to enable them to acknowledge diversity whether it is cultural, linguistic, religious or other and to explore differences in a positive way, break down social barriers, which may prevent positive interaction, and empower young people by enhancing their communication skills and allowing them to engage in community building exercises. For information see http://www.theredcard.ie/camp/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=3

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

22 July 2010 in Glasgow

26 August 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course is for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. It is particularly relevant to people working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=87>

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Certificate in Equality and Diversity Practice

Glasgow University

Applications must be submitted by mid-August, course begins September 2010

This new one day/week work-based programme has been developed in partnership with BEMIS and Glasgow Works and other partners, who are key players within the field of equality and diversity practice. Recognising current developments in legislation and social policy, the programme provides a solid foundation of theoretical understanding and practice methodologies in relation to equality and diversity issues. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/10vi_bemis_gu.pdf

or contact Liz Docherty 0141 330 1812 / e.hodge@educ.gla.ac.uk or Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk

Third Sector Research Conference

15 October 2010 in Edinburgh

For information contact Helen Swatton 01412258019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org

The needs and experiences of refugee women

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency. Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

Judge a book by its cover? Not me!

3 November 2010 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.30)

SCVO training course to find out more about the processes of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements can lead to prejudice and discrimination. For more information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019.

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

Scottish Government <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

Westminster Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Useful Links (continued)

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Index.stm>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charity SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>